

Remarks/Arguments

Paragraph 23 has been amended to correct the figure reference at which the armrest pad is seen and figure 1 has been amended to include the reference numeral for the armrest pad.

The disclosure has been amended to correct the inconsistent use of reference numerals 53a, 53b in paragraph 28, as required by the Examiner.

Paragraph 29 of the disclosure has been amended to delete reference numeral 53b' as the part to which this reference numeral refers is not seen in the drawings.

The Examiner suggested reference numeral 54b' did not appear in the disclosure. Applicant notes that in fact this reference numeral appears in paragraph 46 (at page 10, line 1).

Figure 8 has been amended to include reference numeral 66', as required by the Examiner.

Responsive to the Examiner's objection to the Abstract, a replacement Abstract has been submitted which, it is submitted, is in acceptable form.

It is submitted that with these amendments (which do not constitute new matter), the application is in good formal order.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as anticipated by DE4317610 to Rau. On the other hand, the Examiner indicated claim 3, if re-written in independent form, would be allowable.

By way of this response, applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 2 and some of the features of claim 3. Amended claim 1 recites "pivot seats" that "incline downwardly so as to open downwardly, such that pivot pins received therein are prevented from

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being unseated when pulled upwardly". It is submitted that this feature is wholly lacking from Rau. Therefore, it is submitted that amended claim 1 patentably defines from Rau, and from the other references of record.

On the basis that claim 1 is patentable, the remaining claims, which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, are also patentable.

In view of the foregoing, early favourable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant requests permission to substitute the enclosed drawing sheets containing figures 1, 2, and 8. A copy of the original drawings sheets containing these figures is also enclosed circling the amendments made in the replacement figures.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes



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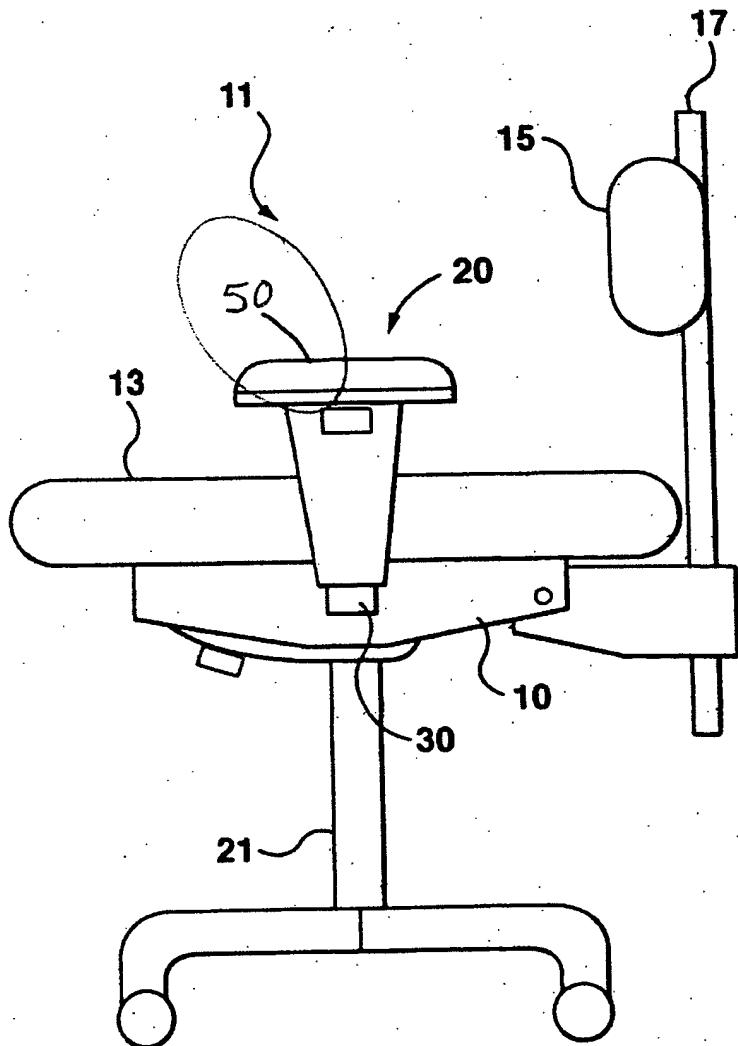


FIG. 1



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